

UTAH KIDS READY TO READ!

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MISSION STATEMENT

"The mission of **Utah Kids Ready to Read!** is to provide information, training, technical assistance, and resources on emergent literacy for Utah librarians and their community partners.

Our vision is for all parents and care-givers to nurture their children's early literacy skills, and for all children to develop as independent, lifelong readers."

WHAT IS EMERGENT LITERACY?

Emergent literacy is what a child needs to know before he or she can learn to read. Research shows that there are six pre-reading skills that must be acquired before a child can learn to read.

WHAT ARE THE SIX SKILLS?



- **PRINT MOTIVATION** – thinking that books and reading are fun
- **VOCABULARY** – knowing the names of things

- **PRINT AWARENESS** – recognizing print and understanding how books work
- **LETTER KNOWLEDGE** – understanding that each letter has its own name and sounds
- **NARRATIVE SKILLS** – being able to tell stories and describe things
- **PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS** – being able to recognize and play with the smaller sounds that make up words

